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SUBJECT: USSR EXHIBIT, "SIBERIA, LAND OF TOMORROW" AT
SMITHSONIAN, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
(NMNH)
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1. ABOUT MARCH 1, 1975 IGOR POCHATALIN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF
COUNCIL ON EXHIBITIONS OF USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
DISCUSSED ABOVE EXHIBIT AT NMNH WITH NMNH DIRECTOR
PORTER KIER. POCHATALIN ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET CULTURAL
ATTACHE VIKTOR SAKOVICH. IN LETTER TO POCHATALIN MARCH 25,
1975, KIER CONFIRMED UNDERSTANDING THAT EXHIBIT WOULD OPEN
FOR ONE MONTH AT NMNH OCTOBER 25, 1975. IN REPLY JUNE 5,
1975, POCHATALIN SAID, "I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT YOUR
MUSEUM AGREED TO PRESENT OUR EXHIBIT, 'SIBERIA, LAND OF
TOMORROW". I AM SENDING THIS LETTER TO LET YOU KNOW HOW
DEEPLY WE APPRECIATE THIS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO
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SHOW ALL ASPECTS OF NATURE AND LIFE IN SIBERIA."

2. EXHIBIT WOULD TAKE 9,000 SQUARE FEET. UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SOVIETS WOULD CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION (PROBABLY ABOUT US DOLS 20,000) OF CURRENT EXHIBIT AND WOULD INSTALL "SIBERIA" EXHIBIT. "SIBERIA" EXHIBIT IS PROVIDED FOR IN U.S.-USSR EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

3. DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE BY LETTER AND TELEPHONE WITH POCHATALIN AND SAKOVICH, NMNH HAS RECEIVED NO WORD FROM SOVIETS SINCE POCHATALIN LETTER OF JUNE 5. NO CONTRACTOR IN WASHINGTON IS KNOWN TO HAVE RECEIVED SOVIET BID.

4. SOVIET DELAY OBVIOUSLY IS IMPEDING AND COULD SOON IMPERIL "SIBERIA" EXHIBIT. NMNH WILL NEED TO HAVE FIRM ASSURANCE OF IMMEDIATE SOVIET ACTION BY AUGUST 29, 1975, OR NMNH WILL HAVE TO CANCEL EXHIBIT.

5. SMITHSONIAN WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY ACTION EMBASSY COULD TAKE TO ENCOURAGE SOVIET COMMUNICATION AND DECISION, HOPEFULLY FAVORABLE. SISCO

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